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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 October 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-39 and 41-77 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-39, 41-45, 49-57, 62-72 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 46-48 and 73-77 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 58-61 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 73-77 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Anderson et al 4,685,234. Anderson et al teach a theft deterrent device comprising first and second housing halves 14,20 having a first locking member 26 with a slot to receive a second locking member 22, the first locking member 26 linearly slidable within rib portions of the housing in a direction substantially perpendicular to an axis of a second locking member, the second locking member comprising a tack 22 having a stepped post portion (Fig.1) engageable by the first locking members until released by a magnetic key means which slides the first locking members away from the post. It is noted with respect to claims 73-78 that the chocks 26 of Anderson do not pivot or flex, but rather, cam away from engagement with the second locking member post 22.

3. Claims 46-48 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Damvig 4,745,664. Damvig teaches a theft deterrent tag housing comprising first and second halves 3,4 and having a first locking member 8 which engages a second locking member tack 1 having a stepped post portion 2 and wherein the locking member is linearly slidable away from the post when released by a key prong/tool (Fig.3-col.3). It is

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noted that the opposed sides of the opening for the key, formed in the first tag element housing, are considered to be ribs and that, regarding claim 48, the first and second halves 3,4 of the housing accommodate the key prong since clearly the key prong in Fig.3 extends into the second half 4 of the tag housing.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1-39,41-45,49-57,62-72 are allowed.
5. Claims 58-61 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 46-48,73-77 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection. Anderson clearly teaches a camming away of the chocks and not a pivoting or flexing. Damvig would necessarily have sides of the key opening which could be considered ribs defining the opening within the tag housing. It is noted that the one-piece configuration of the first locking member defines over the prior art references. Accordingly, claims 46-48,73-77 stand finally rejected.

Conclusion

7. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Suzanne Dino Barrett whose telephone number is 703-308-0825. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th 8:30-7:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tom Will can be reached on 703-308-3870. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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